(ii) if a valid circumstance does not exist, until the individual is reemployed and has earned wages for covered employment that equal at least [10] 15 times the weekly benefit amount of the individual.

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- (a) In this section "gross misconduct":
 - (1) means conduct of an employee that is:
- (i) deliberate and willful disregard of standards of behavior that an employing unit rightfully expects and that shows gross indifference to the interests of the employing unit; or
- (ii) repeated violations of employment rules that prove a regular and wanton disregard of the employee's obligations; and
 - (2) does not include [other misconduct]:
- (I) INTENTIONAL AND DESTRUCTIVE AGGRAVATED MISCONDUCT, AS DEFINED UNDER § 8–1002.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR
- (II) OTHER MISCONDUCT, AS DEFINED UNDER § 8–1003 OF THIS SUBTITLE.
- (b) An individual who otherwise is eligible to receive benefits is disqualified from receiving benefits if unemployment results from discharge or suspension as a disciplinary measure for behavior that the Secretary finds is gross misconduct in connection with employment.
 - (c) A disqualification under this section shall:
- (1) begin with the first week for which unemployment is caused by discharge or suspension for gross misconduct as determined under this section; and
- (2) continue until the individual is reemployed and has earned wages in covered employment that equal at least [10] 20 times the weekly benefit amount of the individual.

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- (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "INTENTIONAL AND DESTRUCTIVE AGGRAVATED MISCONDUCT" MEANS INTENTIONAL AND MALICIOUS CONDUCT BY AN EMPLOYEE IN THE WORKPLACE THAT RESULTS IN:
- (I) A PHYSICAL ASSAULT UPON OR BODILY INJURY TO THE EMPLOYER, FELLOW EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, INVITEES TO THE WORKPLACE OF THE EMPLOYER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE VICINITY OF THE WORKPLACE, OR THE EVENTUAL ULTIMATE CONSUMER OF THE EMPLOYER'S PRODUCT OR SERVICES; OR